

Abstract of the Disclosure

METHOD OF AND DEVICE FOR READING OPTICAL CODE

5        A device for reading out an optical code includes a camera, an image memory for  
storing images taken by this camera, and an image processor for decoding an optical code  
contained in an image taken by the camera. A plurality of images are obtained  
continuously with the camera under specified image-taking conditions in response to a  
specified image-taking command, and the obtained images are stored on the image  
10      memory. The images stored in the image memory are sequentially selected one at a time  
in a specified order, and the image processor makes an attempt to decode an optical code  
contained in the selected image. Results of decoding are outputted if the attempt to  
decode any of the stored images is successful, and no attempt is made to decode the  
remaining images.